

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I regret we have lost the opportunity to view more balanced opinions and pieces, or, at the very least, have another with equal time to portray the other side of a controversial issue.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Isn't there any way to at least give the public the right to know when less than partial information is being presented. As a child I used to think the Russians were being brain washed. I now know it is us in the US, just as much.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.